

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

Claim 1. (original) A vehicle with a door that is suspended by hinges in a pillar in front of it and has a lock cooperating with a pillar at the back of it, characterised in that the door has a supporting press formed frame (10) of high-strength steel that has two standing hat beams (13, 15) interconnected by an upper horizontal hat beam (14), a lower horizontal hat beam (16) and an intermediate side impact guard beam (22), the hat beams having their crowns (12) directed towards the interior of the vehicle and carrying an outer panel (28) by their outer side flanges (17), and at least one of the standing hat beams (13, 15) having a profile height on at least a portion (23, 24; 28) of its length that overlaps the corresponding pillar (30, 34).

Claim 2. (original) A vehicle according to claim 1, characterised in that the rear one of the standing hat beams (15) overlaps the rear pillar (34).

Claim 3. (currently amended) A vehicle according [[o]] to claim 1, ~~or 2~~ characterised in that the front one of the standing hat beams (13) overlaps the front pillar (30).

Claim 4. (currently amended) A vehicle door according [[o]] to claim 3, characterised in that the front one of the standing hat beams (13) overlaps the front pillar (30) with a

portion (23) of its length adjacent the upper one of the hinges of the door.

Claim 5. (currently amended) A vehicle according [[o]] to claim 4, characterised in that the front one of the standing hat beams (13) overlaps the front pillar (30) solely adjacent the two hinges of the door but not in the area therebetween.

Claim 6. (currently amended) A vehicle according to claim 1, any one of the preceding claims characterised in that the side impact guard beam (22) is a hat beam having its crown directed towards the interior of the vehicle.

Claim 7. (currently amended) A vehicle according to claim 1, any one of the preceding claims characterised in that the side impact guard beam slopes to the back.

Claim 8. (original) A vehicle according to claim 7, characterised in that the side impact guard beam (22) joins with the front one of the standing hat beams (13) adjacent the upper one of the hinges but below it.

Claim 9. (new) A vehicle according to claim 2, characterised in that the front one of the standing hat beams (13) overlaps the front pillar (30).

Claim 10. (new) A vehicle according to claim 2, characterised in that the side impact guard beam (22) is a hat beam having its crown directed towards the interior of the vehicle.

Claim 11. (new) A vehicle according to claim 3, characterised in that the side impact guard beam (22) is a hat beam having its crown directed towards the interior of the vehicle.

Claim 12. (new) A vehicle according to claim 4, characterised in that the side impact guard beam (22) is a hat beam having its crown directed towards the interior of the vehicle.

Claim 13. (new) A vehicle according to claim 5, characterised in that the side impact guard beam (22) is a hat beam having its crown directed towards the interior of the vehicle.

Claim 14. (new) A vehicle according to claim 2, characterised in that the side impact guard beam slopes to the back.

Claim 15. (new) A vehicle according to claim 3, characterised in that the side impact guard beam slopes to the back.

Claim 16. (new) A vehicle according to claim 4, characterised in that the side impact guard beam slopes to the back.

Claim 17. (new) A vehicle according to claim 5, characterised in that the side impact guard beam slopes to the back.

Claim 18. (new) A vehicle according to claim 6, characterised in that the side impact guard beam slopes to the back.

Claim 19. (new) A vehicle according to claim 9, characterised in that the side impact guard beam (22) is a hat beam having its crown directed towards the interior of the vehicle.

Claim 20. (new) A vehicle according to claim 9, characterised in that the side impact guard beam slopes to the back.